SONS OF THE OLD NORTH STATE

Reunion Feast of 'Possum Tapter and Persimmon Beer

We take the following extracts from the Ocala Star of December 13th. and it will be interesting from the fact that it shows that North Carolinians never forget the native state and from the additional fact that there were Wilmingtonians taking part in the affair:

Last evening the sons of the "Old Tar Heel State" met in their associate capacity in Castle Hall and did themselves and their guests great honor and pleasure in partaking of a genuine North Carolia 'simmon beer, 'possum and "tater" supper.

General Robert Bullock, president of the Marion county association of the Sons of North Carolina, acted as master of ceremonies and called the meeting to order.

The first thing in order was the singing of the state song, which under the lead of Secretary W. L. Jewett, accompanied on the organ by Vernie Stevens, all joining in, was given with

inspiring and patriotic sentiments. President Bullock, in his impressive and pleasing manner, made an address of welcome that met with hearty applause, interlarding it with patriotic and home-loving sentiments, which struck a responsive cord in every man's breast.

Mayor Bullock was called on to respond in behalf of the city, and did it most acceptably. He touched on the Raleigh, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, when the boundaries of the state were deemed almost limitless and the impression prevailed that the Roanoke summit of an immense mountain, so near to the Pacific coast that when the storms lashed its waters into fury and the waves dashed against its rock bound shores, the spray from the shattered waves falling into this spring made it sait. Professor Tuck was called on and

filled his bill to perfection. * * * C. L. Bitinger of the Star was asked

to say a word and complied. Dr. Frederick, who first saw the light of day in the Tar Heel state, expressed

a beautiful sentiment of filial devotion to the land of his nativity. J. A. Mellon, of the Star editoria force and the Ocala correspondent of Times-Union and Citizen, was called on, and in competition with Pro-

fessor Tuck, divided the honors most effectively. Editor Brumby, in response to an impromptu talk, in a few well chosen words, expressed his hearty approval of

the purposes of such associations. Sol Benjamin, now of Atlanta, but for citizen of Ocala, and at present on a visit to his brother, Simon, was calle upon. He came when a child with hi, parents from the old country and settled in North Carolina, and therefore by adoption had a right to speak and did most acceptably. * * *

Alderman Simon Benjamin was summoned in behalf of the city and they made no mistake in making this call.

Mr. Daniel McIntyre, who was a genuine "Tar Heeler." was not overlooked, but said it did his soul good to mingle with citizens of his old state.

Alderman Pittman, who was born on the banks of the Tar river, was called

Sheriff Hodge, representing the state of Florida, was also called to his feet. The feast was proclaimed ready and the guests marched out and did ample justice to "possum, 'tater and 'simmon

It was a great occasion and the large appetites present was demonstrated by the pile of bleached 'possum bones heaped on the plate of each satisfied

It was so good that General Bullock said he could recall with the vividness of boyhood days that the feast he was enjoying was as real, genuine, toothsome and satisfying as it had been to him sixty years ago.

After the feats came an interchange of sociability, reminiscences and story telling, in which General Bullock and Dr. Frederick contended for mastery and the latter won, to the amusement and intense laughter of the hearers.

Dr. Frederick said in his day North Carolina was great on fruit and timber, and when asked what fruit and timber, blandly replied: "hoop-poles and punkins." This reminded General Bullock to remark that in his day there was a great contest for supremacy among the straight and cross-eyed laborers in that findustry. The latter won and drove the former out of the field. "for," said the general, with a humorous twinkle in his eye, "the cross-eyed fellows could keep one eye on the pole they were cutting while the other eye picked out the next one, proving too much for the straight-eyed brother, and the race now in that particular field is extinct.

Secretary Jewett remarked that the object of this meeting was to notify all North Carolinians in Marion county of the existence of such an association and all were urged to join same. Initiation fee, 10 cents; yearly dues, 25 cents. At their next gathering, the ladies, without whom no social gathering is complete, will be present.

There were about forty-five North Carolinians and their descendants present and several specially invited guests. It is needless to say that these North Carolinians are among our most prominent and representative citizens.

Sparks

The fight between Walcott and Tracey has been finally set for Monday night. Both men have completed their for wages. He had purchased 10,000 training and are in excellent condition. Sir Charles Tupper, former prime minister of Canada, was a passenger ran. Next he bought the famous Los on the White Star Line steamer Ma- Floretas grant, containing 100 sections jestic, which arrived at New York of grazing land, and soon afterwards Wednesday.

An explosion of fire-damp took place Wednesday at the Kaiser Stuhlzwei pilt in Prussia, with terrible results. Eight bodies have been brought to the surface and seven men, living, but severely injured. There are five still missing.

A handsome granite monument, erected in Arlington national cemetery at the grave of Major General William W. Belknap, who was secretary of war during the administration of President Grant, has been turned over to the government.

Walter C. Sanger broke his own world's record for half a mile unpaced, riding the distance in one minute flat. Actor E. J. Ratcliffe, accused of beating his wife, was convicted of assault army of laborers, stonemasons, car- spendthrift had found Bowie's famous at 1 o'clock this morning.

A LETTER SHE DID NOT WRITE.

(Margaret E. Sangster.) They Meet in Ocals, Florids, and Have is It was never set down in black and The loving letter she did not write;

She thought it out as she baked the bread. As she mended the stockings and made the bed; She wove the beautiful sentences through The morning's work that was hers to do: But it never was written with ink and

For the boys came home from school, and then She hadn't a chance in black and white To scribble the letter she did not write.

It never was dropped in the corner box Which the faithful postman's key unlocks: It never was even begun, you see, Though it throbbed with a true heart's

constancy. The kinsman dear, whom it must have moved. Were touching her hand with tender

clasp. Were holding her heart in insistent grasp. But it never was sent on its blessed flight, The dream of the letter she did not

She gave up trying the thing at last, When the busy day was almost past, Filled with the measure from sun to sun ! Of the woman's work which is never done!

The duties sacred, which yet seem slight, a will, and stirred all hearts with its The little wrongs which must be set right She had found her paper and taken her seat. When the baby awakened, "Hush, my

sweet! And Freddy brought her a puzzling sum, And Teddy deafened her with his drum; No wonder it faded quite out of sight. The dear home letter she meant to write.

But, yet, ah, yet! were the waves of air Not stirred by her tender, worldiess prayer? early settlement of North Carolina at | And did not her loving heart, full fain. Send out its cry to her own and pain

When some how she felt that an answer river had its source in a spring on the | Had come to the letter she did not write? -Christian Intelligencer.

A pleasure deep in the waning day,

Of longing bring in a subtle way

A TEXAS MYSTERY.

In the mountains on the frontier of Texas one hears of strange characters. Bold and daring men come here to make fortunes, others come to escape from the memory of their misfortunes. and others in search of adventure. No one ever knew what brought the man Carleen to the San Saba. He was a mystery, and almost his every act was clouded in mystery from the hour that he set his brogan shoes into the black vantage to this particular part of Texmud of Menardville until one fine day. ten years later, when he bid his cowboys farewell, and they said as the stage disappeared over the hills tomany year an honored and respected ward San Antonio: "There goes the trangest character that ever struck fexas."

> Mr. Carleen was a Frenchman, betraying his nationality in the pronunciation of the score or more English words he had picked up on the road from New Orleans to the prairies of the Lone Star state. When he appeared for the first time in the streets of cated men and accomplished women, the little fronier village where he aferward became so well known, he was dressed as a common laborer, Cloud, was croweded with people who smoked a short pipe, and carried a appeared to be there in search of stout stick. The cowboys lounging pleasure to the exclusion of everyabout the Brindle Star saloon sized him up and rendered a verdict that a good average job of sheep-herding would just about fit the degree of tenderfootedness that was manifested in his language, manner and carriage. After a few moments conversation the winks that were exchanged between the loungers indicated the superior satisfaction that they experienced over the correctness of their judgment. He did want a job of herding sheep, and he began to ask questions as to wages and about the price of lambs and ewes and rams, while the barkeeper was to the palace of St. Cloud, and as she giving him change for the big yellow doubleon that he had selected from a handful of loose coins to pay for the drinks. Something like respectfulness on the part of the crowd toward the stranger, which had succeeded the curiosity he had aroused, grew into admiration when Mr. Carleen accidently dropped a silver-mounted revolver from his coat pocket, and carelessly picked it up with the indifference of an old plainsman. All were apparently eager to answer his questions and grant him information upon every pleasure as to please the Frenchman

immensly. Carleen longed about the hotel for several days, getting acquainted with the people and making himself immensly popular by his liberality. People thought it rather strange that such a man would go off into the mountains to herd sheep for \$40 per month, but those who were most intimate with the stranger said that they thought he simply wanted to learn the business. There were others, however, who did not hesitate to express the opinion that the Frenchman was a stage robber, and that he had come out into the

mountains to hide. Mr. Carleen soon demonstrated that he was not a slow man. He developed and executed his plans with the rapid- neighbors a present of a large pasture, ity that distinguished the greatest of and a fine herd of cows. To another he all of his countrymen. While every- gave a large band of graded polled thing about him appeared to shrouded in mystery, he acted as if he had nothing to conceal. He appeared to live for the purpose of astounding and mystifying those who were watching him. In the course of eight or ten days the news came that the mysterious Frenchman, after a few days' herding, had expressed himself as being tired of following the flock head of sheep and paid for them in good San Antonio paper, so the story Mr. Carleen came to town, confirming all these stories and making arrangements to put a barbed wire fence around one of the largest pastures in western Texas. Could it be possible that the man was going to actually fence in 64,000 acres of land? This happened back in the early 70s, before the cattle kings and big syndicates began to string barbed wire around whole counties. The Frenchman spent the night in Menardville, and long before sunrise on the next morning he was on his road to San Antonio, accompanied by half a dozen cowboys, driving a herd of ponies in front of them. Ten days afterward a traveller re-

ported on the San Saba that an army

ws moving cross the prairies of west-

10 miles away, presented a scene of bustle and activity which made the natives stare in wonder and amazement. Mr. Carleen had leased hundscope of country he began to erect a wire fence. He instantly broke ground for the purpose of establishing a home place on the banks of the San Salba. Hundreds of laborers were set to work quarring rock, while other hundreds were engaged in digging for the foundation of his house. It took him two years to complete this immense structure. It covers at least a half an acre of ground, and is five stories high, and altogether one of the most beautiful The far-away mother, the friend beloved. and astounding pieces of architecture in America to-day. The walls are of pure white marble, while great columns of bluish granite support a magnificent porch extending around two sides of the entire structure. Artists came from Paris to exert their skill on the ceiling and walls. During the time that he was building his palace away out her on the frontier of Texas, Carleen never said a word of his family, or, for that matter, a word of his own history. His tongue ran like a bell clapper on all subjects but one, and that one was Carleen. His agents had purchased cattle all over eastern Texas and as a consequence at the end of a year or more his immense estate was well stocked. At that time he was regarded as one of the greatest cattlemen on the frontier. The strange man did not limit his

extraordinary improvements to the

palace that he erected. He kept a large force in his quarries, and a little army of masons were employed for several years in building long lines of stone fences. These structures were not erected after the manner of such old tumble down affairs as one often sees in some of the older states. The walls were of solid dressed stone, and there were great stone pillars around the entablature, on which were trailing vines, clusters of grapes and festoons of flowers, exhibiting in the highest style of art the skill of the sculptor. Between these pillars swung massive iron gates. These are not yet ruins, but here on the wild hills of the San Saba, where wolves howl at night and deer sleep beneath the shade of the oakes, miles and miles of these magnificent walls may be seen winding over the green valleys, while up there on the mountain stands white against the western sky that gigantic pile of stone whether it is a monument to the genius or folly of the Frenchman Carleen. He was certainly of great adas. He brought an abundance of money into the country, and he gave thousands of people employment. As long as he prosecuted his gigantic schemes this was the most prosperous portion of the state. At one time more than 1,000 people were employed upon the ranch. He kept the road open to San Antonio, a distance of nearly 300 miles, and relays of horses were established every 10 or 15 miles. He had a daily mail and the road was filled with teams hauling supplies and machinery to the famous ranch. Carleen was very fond of the society of eduand for a long time the big ranch house, which he called the place of St. thing else.

He had been pursuing his strange career about 7 years, living like a Monte Cristo and exciting the wonder of all western Texas, as if he were a Cagliostro in league with the devil, when one rainy day, just before Christmas, a lady descended from the overland stage in Menardville. This woman carried a crucifix in one hand and a Bible in the other. She inquired for Carleen, and then asked for a room in which she might appeal to God undisturbed. On the next day she went entered at one gate Carleen went out at the other. He never stopped until he was safely ensconced inside the White Elephant in San Antonio. He never denied that the little woman was his wife, but that there was some terrible secret between them which nearly congealed the man's blood every time he thought of it, and made the woman's face repulsive to him, was beyond question. He at once plunged into the wildest kind of dissipation, and his best riders and fastest ponies were kept busy for two weeks bearing messages between San Antonio and the ranch. At length such mysterious affairs as existed between the two people were arranged in some way, and the little woman returned to Galveston and sailed for Europe, still muttering prayer and carrying her crucifix in one hand and her Bible in the other. From this time on to the end of his career in Texas Carleen was never the same man. He evidently labored day and night to drive something from his mind. The great house was crowded with people who were bent upon pleasure alone, and strange rumors circulated as to games of cards where not only millions, but beautiful women were lost and won. Carleen began to give away money. He made one of his Angus steers. To a favorite cowboy he gave a whole drove of fine horses, and at the feet of a beautiful singer from San Antonio he threw a check for \$100. 000 in gold. The daughter of a gamekeeper who handed him a cup of cold water from one of his own springs was rewarded with a band of sheep. He attended a school exhibition, and at the close of the exercises he presented each and every one of the little boys and girls with a check for \$5,000.

During the flood tide of his prosperity he had stocked in a fine park of several hundred acres with the rarest specimens of wild animals from every known nook and corner of the globe. One day, just before the final crash when the Frenchman was in a particular hilarious mood he mounted his horse and invited every one about his house and in the country to help him slay these zoological specimens. His guests, heated with wine, and his cowboys, always eager for a frolic, were of course, ready for such fine sport. The slaughter lasted 3 whole days. Elephants, lions, tigers and leopards were hunted down and shot with Winchesters to the music of hounds and blast of horns. Deer, antelope and rare birds were spared, and after the royal sport was ended the gates of the park ern Texas. It was an army, but an who believed that the mysterious

turning with 200 teams and more than prince who had inherited a limitless for-500 people. Menardville went on a tune, and there were others who inboom, and the Los Floritas ranch, only sisted that the man was either capable of converting the baser metals into gold or else he had been a great pirate or an old world bank robber. Toward the end people did not care to be inreds and thousands of square miles of timate with the strange man, though grazing lands, and around all this vast hundreds were indebted to his liberality for their fortunes. Carleen realized the situation, and one fine day walked out of the great palace of St. Cloud, and turned his back upon the country with so little ceremony that those who knew him best were most astonished. He stopped in San Antonio long enough to make a firm of lawyers familiar with his affairs. He was next heard from in London in company with a woman of great beauty, and shortly afterward a few lines floating about in the newspapers told the story of the suicide in the great English metropolis of a rich Texan who had left a million on deposit in the Bank of England. It was Carleen-John Carleen-and he died as he had lived-a mystery. And so ended the greatest of all Texas mysteries. He came a mystery, lived 10 years in a cloud of mystery and disappeared in mystery.-San Saba (Tex.) Correspondent Globe-Democrat.

> Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec., 19, 1896. Messrs. Ely Bros .: - I have used Elv's Cream Baim a number of years and find it works like a charm. It has cured me of the most obstinate case of cold in the head in less than 48 hours from the time I felt the cold coming on. I would not be without it.

> 232 Hart St. FRED'K FRIES. Cream Balm is kept by all druggists. Full size 50c. Trial size 10 cents. We ELY BROS., mail it. 56 Warren St., N. Y. City.

PUBLIC OPINION

A beet sugar factory was finished at Rome, N. Y., some time ago at a cost of \$253,000. It has received 15,000 tons of beets this season, and the output will be 12,000 barrels of granulated sugar. Eight hundred farmers in the surrounding country are raising the beets. South Texas could duplicate this work two or three times over with the cane sugar industry, in addition to what is already done, with the right kind of "get up and get."-Houston Post. .

If the extraordinary revelation from Wall street, printed in the last issue of The Criterion, be a true bill and capable of proof. the president of the United the undulating prairies and through States should be impeached. As it stands, only half of the event prophesied has happened, and it remains to be seen whether the other half, making the perfect whole of wickedness, will occur in and mortar, of which no man can say the ripeness of time. But if it can be proved that a Wall street magnate, interested in the prolongation of the war in Cuba so that a syndicate may buy the island for a song, when Spain is weary and Vubalis ruined, actually was closeted several times with the president prior to the writing of the message, then William McKinley should be impeached of high treason to the American people, to civilization and common humanity. But can it be proved? Is the charge true? We hope not. Still, it seems rather strange and ugly that McKinley's message should give the lie so flatly in its Cuban section to the pledge of the platform to which he gave allegiance and on which he was elected .- New York Cri-

> The failure of retail trade to grow as anticipated, or at least prophesied by our prosperity boomers, has set such boomers to manufacturing explanations. The fact that the ultimate consumption of goods is not increasing is of most serious import, for until such consumption does increase retail stocks will not be worked down, they cannot be turned over more rapidly, and the demand for manufactured goods cannot expand and remain expanded so as to keep open all the mills that have kept abreast of the times and give employment to all factory employes. And so the time when increased consumption of goods will show itself by increased sales of goods at retail, when a healthy increased demand for goods will make itself felt and cause prices to advance is anxiously waited for, anxiously waited for by the 28,000 operatives of Fall River, whose wages have just been cut by 10 per cent, because of lack of demand and falling prices for cotton goods. Our prosperity boomers, declaring this time will soon come, have to find temporary causes in order to explain why it has not already come. And explanations from time to time have been many, but quite unsatisfactory.-Philadelphia American.

STATE PRESS.

A prominent merchant informs us that careful estimate places the amount of cash (in money and express orders and checks) that leave the town every day to pay for retail purchases made of merchants in the larger cities, at \$250. That is nearly \$100,000 a year. Now, think how much the spending of this amount here in Fayetteville would add to the business of our merchants. This leakage has been going on for years, under the impression of those who contribute to it that goods were cheaper elsewhere .-

Fayetteviile Observer. We are told that there are several hundred bales of cotton on the Roanoke farms not picked for want of labor, much of which must necessarily be injured if not wasted altogether. And while we do not agree with the director concerning the use of convicts on railroads, yet he certainly is right in his protest against hiring them out to work on private farms, and working on strictly private properties, as has been done, and is now being done, we believe. The construction of railroads in the state is of such a general public character as to justify the use of convicts thereon, but the raising of truck and strawberries for market is as uncalled for as opening a public laundry at the penitentiary.-Raleigh

"I do not wish to wrong Senator Butpublished what he said because I thought it right to do so and not as part of a plot, as Mr. Butler charges. I did not consult with any one before publishing it, nor have I done so since except as far as to get testimony to substantiate my statement. If I have maligned Mr. Butler there is a course open to him by which he can obtain vindication, and I receive the punishment the crime deserves. If I have libeled him, by all means let him file his complaint with the proper authorities and have me punished for the same. To be sure such a course on the part of the senator might prove a boomerang and he might come out of it with the seal of slander and liar stamped upon his brow. I am willing to take the risk on my part-are you willing to take it on yours Senator Marion Butler?"-Editor Campbell in The Argo-

Political Prisoners Executed

San Francisco, December 22.—News has reached this city of the shooting in Guatemala of a number of political prisoners, including two men who are known all over the Central American republic. The execution occurred last month at Huehuetenango. The principal victim was Captain Hurculano Ruiz, brother-in-law of General Daniel Fuentes, now in this city. Another victim was the Honduran colonel. Francisco Zellaya. He was accused of were thrown open and these allowed to aiding the revolution party and was run wild. There were plenty of people executed by order of Barrios, the command being carried out by General Laus Molina. Three other prominent in the third degree. The jury came in penters, painters, machinists and lost silver mines of the San Saba. Guatemalans suffered death in the teamsters. The Frenchinan was re- Others thought he was some European same manner.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

COTTON REPORT. Wilmington, N. C., December 22. Receipts of cotton today-1,324 bales. Receipts same day last year-925 bales This season's receipts to date-255,334 Receipts to same date last year-203,602

The quotations posted at 4 o'clock today at the exchange. Cotton firm. Ordinary...... 2 15-16 Good ordinary...... 415-16 Middling..... 5% NAVAL STORES.

Spirits turpentine-Machine steady at 31c; country barrels steady at Rosin firm at \$1.15 and \$1.20.

Tar firm at \$1.05. Crude turpentine steady; hard \$1.40; rellow dip \$1.90; Virgin \$1.90. Prices same day last year-Spirits turpentine 24%c and 24%c; rison \$1.45 and \$1.50; tar \$1.05; crude turpentine \$1.40, \$1.80 and \$1.90. Receipts today-76 casks spirits tur-

pentine, 429 barrels rosin, 921 barrels tar, 2 barrels crude turpentine. Receipts same day last year-86 casks spirits turpentine, 524 barrels rosin, 729 barrels tar, 40 barrels crude turpentine.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Peanuts-North Carolina, prime 55@60c per bushel; extra prime, 65c; fancy 725c. Virginia-Extra prime, 40@45c. Rice-Uplands, 65@80c; lowlands, \$1.10@

Corn-471/2650c. North Carolina Bacon-Hams, 10@11c; shoulders, 6@64c; sides, 74@8c. Chickens-Dull; spring 10@18c; hens 18@25c; roosters, 18@22c.

Turkeys, (live), 7c to 10c per pound. Eggs-Dull at 17c. Shingles-Per 1,000 five inch, hearts and saps, \$1.05@2.10; six inch, \$2.50@3.50,

BY TELEGRAPH

Timber at \$3.00 to \$5.00 per 1,000 feet.

FINANCIAL.

stiff at 21/2/04 per cent.; last loan at 3 per cent.; closed at 21/263 per cent.; prime ling exchange dull and easy with actual business in bankers bills at \$4.84\2014.84% for demand and at \$4.81\2@4.81% for sixty days; posted rates \$4.821/2014.831/2 and \$4.851/2 @4.861/2; commercial bills \$4.81; silver certificates 56% 667%; bar silver 56%; Mexican dollars 45%; government bonds firm; state bonds dull; railroad bonds firm.

STOCKS. Atchison...... 125 W. & L. E..... 2 B. & O............ 13½ W. & L. E., pre 10 Ches. & Ohio..... 211/2 Adams Ex.. ... 156 Chic. & Alton....161 | American Ex ..115 Del. & Hudson...112 | Wells Far..114 Del., L. & W.....156 Am. Cot. Oil.... 221/2 Fort Wayne.....1681/2 Am Cot Oil, pre 74% Illinois Central. 103% Am. Tobacco ... 86 L. & N...........1561/2 Am. Tobac, pre.1111/2 Manhattan L....106 People's Gas ... 961/4 Mobile & Ohio... 271/2 Con. Gas....189 N. J. Central 95 Gen. Electric ... 331/4 N. Y. Central....107 Lead.... 34 Pittsburg.......168 Nat. Lin. Oil.... 16% Reading 23 Pacific Mail 29% Southern Ry.... 83 Pullman Pal ...172 South, Ry., pre., 324 Silver Cer., 563 U. P. D. & G. 7% T. C. & Iron 24% Wabash, pre.... 17% West. Union ... 88% BONDS. . S. N. 4's reg. 128% L. & N. Un 4's.. 8714

U. S. N. 4's cou..1285 Missouri 6's 100 U. S. 4's reg.....11234 N. J. Cen. 6's...112 U. S. 4's cou.....114% N. Caro, 6's.....125 U. S. 2's...... 99½ N. Caro. 4's.....103 U. S. 5's reg......1144 Pa. 6's, of '95...102% U. S. 5's cou.....1144 S. Caro. non-fu. Ala, Class A..... 108 South. Ry ... 95 Ala. Class B.....108 | Tenn N set 3's.. 92 Ala. Class C....100 Union Pa. 1's...102% Ala. Currency...100 | Va. Cen.... 691/8 COTTON.

ceipts 2,291; exports to Great Britain 8,628; to the continent 200; forwarded 75; sales 1,341; spinners 41; stock 99,863. Total today: Net receipts 47,273; ex-

ports to Great Britain 83,686; to France 30,938; to the continent 78,201. Total since September 1st: Net receipts 5,193,346; exports to Great Britain 1,639,-928; to France 473,376; to the continent

bales: January 5.76; February 5.79; March 5.84; April 5.89; May 5.94; June 5.98; July 6.02; August 6.06; September 6.05; October 6.08; December 5.75.

PORT RECEIPTS.

Galveston-Firm at 5 7-16c; net receipts Norfolk-Steady at 51/2c; net receipts Baltimore-Nominal at 5%c; gross receipts 652. .290; gross receipts 5,383. Wilmington-Firm at 5%c; net receipts Philadelphia-Firm at 6%c; net receipts

05: gross receipts 6,325.

Savannah-Steady at 5%c; net receipts New Orleans-Firm at 5 5-16c; net receipts 18,892; gross receipts 19,345. Mobile-Quiet at 5 3-16c; net receipts Memphis-Steady at 5 5-16c; net receipts .661; gross receipts 1,992.

Augusta-Firm at 51/2c; net receipts ,561; gross receipts 1,673. Charleston-Steady at 5 3-16c; net receipts 3,221. Cincinnati-Quiet at 51/2c; net receipts Louisville-Strong at 5%c. St. Louis-Steady at 5 3-16c; net receipts

GRAIN AND PROVISION. Chicago, December 22.-The leading futures were as follows: Open. High. Low. Clos.

Wheat-December 931/2 January May 93% December 26% January-May 29% December May 22 Mess pork, per bbl-December-January 8.60 8.60 8.70 May 8.85 8.921/2 8.321/2 Lard, per 100 lbs-December-January 4.521/2 4.571/4 May 4.70 4.671/4 4.721/2 Short ribs, per 100 lbs-December 4.40 January 4.40 May 4.521/2 4.571/2 4.521/2 4.521/2 Cash quotations were as follows: Flour firm; No. 2 yellow corn, 26%c; No. 2 spring wheat, 88@89c; No. 3 spring wheat, national Meteorological observatory re-89@93c; No. 2 red, 98%c; No. 2 corn, 26%c; No. 2 oats, 224c; No. 2 white, --; No. 3

short clear sides, boxed, \$4.77465.00; whiskey, distillers' finished goods, New York, December 22 .- Flour moderately active, closing easy with wheat. Wheat-Spot weak; No. 2 red \$1.00% Options opened steady on unexpect vorable cables and later showed firmness on light offerings and fal support, but finally broke under lie tion in December, which closed % 17, against 1/6 1/4 c net loss in other mounts. No. 2 red, January 981/6981/4 c, closed at 981/4 c; May closed at 231/4 c; December clos-

white, f. o. b., 231/624c; mess pork, per bbl., \$7.6567.70; lard, per 100 lbs., \$4.571/6

4.60; short robs sides, loose, \$4.474@4.75;

dry salted shoulders, boxed, \$4.624@4.75;

Corn-Spot easy; No. 2 34% f. o. b. aftoat. Options steady with wheat and ruled dull, selling off late under liquidation and closing unchanged. May closed at 34%; December closed at 32%c.

Oats-Spot quiet; No. 2 27%@27%c. Options inactive and barely steady all day, closing unchanged. February closed at 27%c: May 27%c; December 27%c.

Lard-Steady; continent \$5.06. Perk-Steady. Eggs-Steady: western fresh 20622c.

Petroleum-Dull. Rice-Steady. Cotton Seed Oil-Easier; prime crude 18@184c; prime summer yellow 214c; off summer yallow 2ic; butter oil 24@26c;

prime winter yellow Mc. Coffee-Opened barely steady at 5 to 10 points decline and ruled inactive and featureless, with a weak undertone following unfavorable European cables and record breaking American visible supply: closed quiet, with prices 5 to 10 points net decline.

Sugar-Raw strong: fair refining 3 9-16c; centrifugal % test 4 1-16c; refined firm. NAVAL STORES.

New York-Rosin steady. Turpentine firm at 33@331/c.

Charleston-Turpentine firm at 30c bid, 3014c asked; sales none. Rosin firm and unchanged; sales none. Savannah-Spirits of turpentine opened

firm at 30%c, with sales of 1,0%; closed firm at 31c with further sales of 50 casks; receipts 574. Rosin firm; sales 2,500; receipts 4.600. Quote: A B C D \$1.20; E F \$1.25; G \$1.35; H \$1.45; I \$1.60; K \$1.75; N \$2.30; W G \$2.65; W W \$3.35.

Cotton Futures

(Special to The Messenger.) New York. December 22.-In spite of

a decline of 1-64d in Liverpool this morning, the cotton market advanced today. The Liverpool quotations were not encouraging to the bulls and the opening here was a shade under yesterday's closing prices. May sold on the first call at 5.89. Receipts both at the ports and interior towns were moderate. This was attributed to bad weather in the south, but, nevertheless caused some uneasiness among the shorts who bought quite freely. One large interest especially was a good New York, December 22.-Money on call buyer. After the opening the market immediately developed an upward tendency and advanced slowly throughout mercantile paper 31/2641/2 per cept.; ster- the day. May advanced to 5.95 and closed at 5.94 to 5.95, with the tone of the market steady. The rise today is generally regarded as indicating only the desire of nervous shorts to cover before the holidays.

RIORDAN & CO. (By Associated Press.)

New York, December 22.—Today's cotton market had all the holiday characteristics, fluctuating very narrowly, the volume of business small and chiefly in the hands of the local element. Opening steady at 1 point decline to 1 point advance, the subsequent variations were within the scope of 6 points. The close was steady at a net gain of 2 to 4 points. The room traders had their interests fairly covered and were not disposed to add new responsibilities in view of the holidays. This morning's cables were regarded as encouraging to spot sales at Liverpool.

New York Stock Market New York, December 22.-There was

nothing in today's stock market to re-

fute the opinion generally held in Wall

street that speculation in securities will continue dull until after the first of the year and of the release of some of the funds at present locked up in large financial operations. Sagging prices are generally the accompaniment of such a market, but there was sufficient strength in special stocks due to special causes La. N. con 4's...1011/2 Va. deferred ... 21/2 today to act as a sustaining force on the general list and net gains are the New York, December 22-Cotton steady; rule in consequence. The marked feamiddling 5%c; net receipts 1,218; gross re- tures in the trading and the centres of great strength were local traction companies. The motives for the buying of these stocks were the reports of a busports to Great Britain 8,628; to France | iness compromise between the Metro-26.813; to the continent 14,283; stock 1,131,- | politan and the Third Avenue companies and a belief that the chances were Consolidated: Net receipts 262,059: ex- not good for the success of the underground rapid transit scheme. Third Avenue was benefitted to the extent of 6 points and Metropolitan street railway over 2. Manhattan rose 3 points, but lost a fraction. The coalers were Futures closed steady; sales 122,000 also aggressively strong and showed gains of between 1 and 12 points, the Reading issues being especially prominent. There were rumors of an intended dividend on Reading's first preferred stock, which influenced the trading. The industrial specialties generally show net gains of large fractions. The statement of estimated earnings for the last quarter of the year of the several Vanderbilt railroads were view-Boston-Steady at 5%c; net receipts ed unfavorably and acted as something of a decline on the railroad list. Call loans were made today at rates ranging between 3 to 4 per cent, and there was a further decline in exchange posted rates, both long and short sterling being marked down 1/2 and actual business being done at a decline of 1/4 for cable transfers and long sterling and of %cfordemandsterling. The price for demand sterling at the time of gold improvement last September did not fall below \$4.841/2. Money was cheaper in Europe and at London at that time. The present stiffness in the money market, it is believed, will be only temporary and the completion of the operations connected with the Union Pacific settlement and the disbursement incident to the begining of the year will Houston-Steady at 5 7-16c; net receipts give relief. For this reason the weakness of exchange has not induced talk of gold imports at New York. Gold is, however, on the way from Australia to San Francisco. The bond market was comparatively

inactive, especially in some of the favorite speculative issues, but prices were well maintained. Total sales were \$1,400,000. United States new 4's coupon declined 1/2 bid. Total sales of stocks today were 184,400 shares.

The Chicago Market

Chicago, December 22 .- It was a holiday market in wheat today, the price of May keeping within less than Ic range. The bears had a trifle the better of it, the close showing 1/4 to 1/4c decline. December was weaker and declined 1% on the selling of about 250,000 bushels. Corn, oats and provisions were dull, but steady and closed at prices unchanged to a point higher.

Earthquake Shocks in Mexico City of Mexico, December 22.-The

ports today much seismic activity on the western coast, where there were earthquakes this morning at Santa Cruz the Pacific terminous of the Tehuantepic railway, at Tehuantepic. Jiltepec, Juchitlan and the city of Oaxaca, where there was a prolonged subterranean roaring, causing some consternation. The movement was both horizontal and vertical. Scientific men regard the very frequently reported phenomena with much interest and the belief is expressed among them that either there is a subsidence or rise of the coast going on but not accurately determined yet. Fortunately there has been no loss of life, owing to the precautions taken by the inhabitants.

使網片

2003/08